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REMARKS**Specification**

The Specification was objected to, because it lacks the continuity information as to related applications. In response, Applicant has hereby amended the Specification to include the continuity information.

Claim Rejections:

The Office Action rejects claims 47-51, 57-58, 97-101, 107-108, 145-146, 151-159 and 163 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2001/0014103 (Burns et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,812,122 (Berstis). In response, Applicant has canceled claims 47-51, 57-58, 97-101, 107-108, 145-146, 151-159 and 163.

The Office Action objects to claims 52-56, 59-63, 102-106, 109-113, 147-150, 160-162 and 164-165 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicant has hereby amended these claims (except for claims 59-63, which have been canceled) to be in independent form including all the limitations of the respective base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

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If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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